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Music Major Courses

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	SEMESTER REQUIREMENT	QUARTER COURSE	NOTES
Major Courses	MU 1100 Introduction to Music Studies (1)	➔ MU 270 Special Topics: Introduction to Music Studies (1)	New students will take MU 270 Fall 2025 to fulfill MU 1100.
	MU 1122 Ethnomusicology and World Music I (4)	➔ MU 121 Introduction to Non-Western Musics (4)	
	Choose ONE from the following: MU 2221 Jazz Styles (3) MU 2227 Popular Music of the USA (3)	➔ Choose ONE from the following: MU 221 Jazz Styles (4) MU 227 Popular Music of the USA (4)	3A GE on semesters C1 GE on quarters
	MU 2222 Ethnomusicology and World Music II (4)	➔	New Course! Take on semesters
	MU 3311 Introduction to Music Technology and Composition (4)	➔ MU 311 Introduction to Recording, Synthesis, and Production (4)	
	MU 3331 Historical Musicology I (4)	➔ MU 331 Music of the Middle Ages and Renaissance (4)	
	MU 4431 Historical Musicology II (4)	➔ MU 431 Music of the Classic and Romantic Eras (4)	
	MU 4461 Senior Project (2)	➔ MU 461 Senior Project (3)	
Musicianship Requirement	Take FOUR SEMESTER UNITS from the following, (based on placement): MU 1104 Musicianship I (2) MU 1106 Musicianship II (2) MU 3304 Musicianship III (1) MU 3306 Musicianship IV (1)	➔ Take SIX QUARTER UNITS from the following, (based on placement): MU 104 Musicianship I (2) MU 106 Musicianship II (2) MU 180 Musicianship III (2) MU 210 Musicianship IV (1) MU 211 Musicianship V (1)	Talk with your Major Advisor about total units and courses needed if taking some on quarters and some on semesters.



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Materials and Structure of Music Requirement	Take EIGHT SEMESTER UNITS from the following (based on placement, 4): MU 1103 Materials and Structures of Music I MU 2203 Materials and Structures of Music II MU 3303 Materials and Structures of Music III	Take TWELVE QUARTER UNITS from the following (based on placement, 4): MU 103 Music Theory I: Diatonic Materials MU 105 Music Theory II: Chromatic Materials MU 303 Music Theory III: Advanced Chromaticism	MU 101 (4) may be required as preparation, based on placement. MU 105C (3) may be required on semesters if MU 303/3303 not taken on quarters
Applied Lessons Courses	Take SIX SEMESTER UNITS from the following: MU 1150 Applied Music (1) MU 2250 Applied Music (1) MU 3350 Applied Music (1)	Take NINE QUARTER UNITS from the following: MU 150 Applied Music (1) MU 250 Applied Music (1) MU 350 Applied Music (1)	Courses may be repeated up to 4 semester units or 6 quarter units Talk with your Major Advisor about total units and courses needed if taking some on quarters and some on semesters.
Large Ensemble Courses	Choose SIX SEMESTER UNITS from the following, At least 2 units must be Upper Division: MU 1168 MU 1171 MU 1172 MU 1173 MU 1174 MU 1181 MU 1182 MU 1183 MU 1184 MU 1187 MU 1188 MU 3368 MU 3371 MU 3372 MU 3373 MU 3374 MU 3381 MU 3382 MU 3383 MU 3384 MU 3387 MU 3388	Choose NINE QUARTER UNITS from the following At least 3 units must be Upper Division: MU 168 MU 171 MU 172 MU 173 MU 174 MU 181 MU 182 MU 183 MU 185 MU 186 MU 188 MU 368 MU 370 MU 371 MU 372 MU 373 MU 374 MU 381 MU 382 MU 385 MU 386 MU 388	Courses may be repeated up to 4 semester units or 6 quarter units Talk with your Major Advisor about total units and courses needed if taking some on quarters and some on semesters.



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Major and Elective Courses

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Upper-Division Music Electives	Choose FIFTEEN SEMESTER UNITS of upper-division Music electives at the 3000-4000 level. See course descriptions for repeatable units.	Choose TWENTY-THREE QUARTER UNITS of upper-division Music electives at the 300-400 level. See course descriptions for repeatable units.	No more than 2 units may be satisfied by the following performance courses: MU 3368, MU 3370, MU 3371, MU 3372, MU 3373, MU 3374, MU 3377, MU 3378, MU 3380, MU 3381, MU 3382, MU 3383, MU 3384, MU 3388, 3389 Courses used in other areas of the major cannot also be used here. Talk with your Major Advisor about total units and courses needed if taking some on quarters and some on semesters.
Free Electives	FREE ELECTIVES	FREE ELECTIVES	Speak with a CLA Advisor to determine number of free electives required to meet the minimum 120 semester unit requirement.



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Do you need to fulfill GE semester requirements?
Check the quarter GE Area equivalent! Search for available GEs based on catalog.

General Education (GE)

for MUSIC

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SEMESTER REQUIREMENT		QUARTER COURSE	NOTES
Lower Division GEs	1A: Written Communication (3)	➔ A2: Written Communication (4)	
	1B: Critical Thinking (3)	➔ A3: Critical Thinking (4)	
	1C: Oral Communication (3)	➔ A1: Oral Communication (4)	
	Area 2: Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (3)	➔ B4: Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (4)	
	3A: Arts MU 2221/2227 in the major (3)	➔ C1: Arts - Arts, Cinema, Dance, Music, Theatre MU 221/227 in the major (4)	Will be fulfilled with major course
	3B: Humanities - Literature, Philosophy, and Languages other than English (3)	➔ C2: Humanities - Literature, Philosophy, and Languages other than English (4)	
	4A: American Institutions (3)	➔ D1: American Institutions (4)	Area 4 includes two lower-division courses (4A and 4B) and one upper-division course (see Upper-Division Area 4 below). These three courses must come from at least two different course prefixes
	4B: Social and Behavioral Sciences (3)	➔ D2: Lower-Division D (4)	
	5A: Physical Sciences (3)	➔ B1: Physical Sciences (4)	
	5B: Life Sciences (3)	➔ B2: Life Sciences (4)	
	5C: Laboratory (1) Embedded in a 5A or 5B	➔ B3: Laboratory (0) Embedded in a B1 or B2	
	Area 6: Ethnic Studies (3)	➔ Area F: Ethnic Studies (4)	
Upper Division GEs	Upper-Division Area 2 or Upper-Division Area 5 Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning or Physical & and Life Sciences (3)	➔ Upper-Division B Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning (4)	
	Upper-Division Area 3 Arts and Humanities (3)	➔ Upper-Division C Arts and Humanities (4)	
	Upper-Division Area 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences (3)	➔ Upper-Division D Social Sciences (4)	Area 4 includes two lower-division courses (4A and 4B) and one upper-division course. These three courses must come from at least two different course prefixes



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Note: the following GEs on the 22-26 catalog will not be required for student who switch to the 26-28 semester catalog: lower division C GE, Area E GE, GE Electives.



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